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COUNCIL — 222ND SESSION

NINTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Revised ICAO Ethics Framework – Update on Appendices G and H

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Small Group on the Ethics Framework Review (Small Group), which proposed further revisions to the draft Appendices G and H of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* concerning rules and procedures to address allegations of misconduct or retaliation against the Secretary General and President of the Council, respectively.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) recalled its decision taken during the 221st Session (C-DEC 221/11, refers) to request the Small Group to consider and recommend further amendments to their proposed draft version of Appendices G and H, and expressed appreciation to the Chairperson and members of the Small Group for their exhaustive efforts in this regard;
 - b) acknowledged the development of a new Appendix I of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council, Code of Conduct for the President of the Council and the Secretary General*, which gave substance to paragraph 6 c) of C-DEC 221/11, and noted that the proposed “Code of Conduct” by the Small Group had been inspired by the Code of Ethics for the President of the United Nations General Assembly;
 - c) gave in-principle approval to Appendices G, H and I as presented by the Small Group in its oral report, subject to the Small Group reconvening to take into account and to address the comments and concerns outlined by Dr. Ludwig Weber, which had been circulated, and to conduct further consultations with those Representatives who had raised concerns in the course of the consideration of this item, as well as consultations with the Ethics Officer, with a view to the final text of Appendices G, H and I being presented to the Council for consideration and adoption at a subsequent meeting of the current session;
 - d) emphasized the need to continue to monitor the application of the new procedures for handling complaints of misconduct, and in this connection, agreed to periodically evaluate, and where necessary review, the implementation of the revised ICAO Framework on Ethics, including Appendices G, H and I, learning from experience and

taking into account both the findings and recommendations arising from investigations conducted by OIOS pertaining to systemic improvements and the costs involved;

- e) requested the Secretary General to finalize the agreements with OIOS and the UN Ethics Office, and to do so in consultation and coordination with the Small Group, with the aim to finalize the agreements by no later than 15 April 2021, while bearing in mind that the negotiations involve parties external to the Secretariat; and understood in this regard that if it would not be possible to meet this timeline, the Secretary General would report to the Council on the status of the negotiations; and
- f) requested the Secretary General to take into consideration the advice of the Small Group when reviewing internal staff procedures related to implementation of the revised ICAO Framework on Ethics, while at the same time acknowledging that the ultimate authority and responsibility for the implementation of the Framework on Ethics rested with the Secretary General.

Enhancing the efficiency of the working methods of the Council and its subsidiary bodies

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of a joint oral report presented by the Implementation Strategy and Planning Group (ISPG) and the Working Group on Governance and Efficiency (WGGE).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) recalled its decision during the 221st Session (C-DEC 221/11, refers) and in doing so, welcomed the progress accomplished by the WGGE Small Group to address the rationalization of the Council Committees and Working Groups, with a view to enhancing the efficiency of these subsidiary bodies and the Council more generally;
- b) acknowledged the recommendations of the WGGE Small Group on the way forward, as contained in the Appendix to the joint ISPG/WGGE oral report, and agreed to both the “Plan of Action” and the “Blue Print” proposed, as contained in sections 4 and 5 of the Appendix, respectively;
- c) further acknowledged that the establishment of robust policies, together with appropriate controls and accountability tools, could facilitate the reconsideration of the roles and functions of the Human Resources Committee (HRC) and the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP);
- d) invited the WGGE and ISPG to continue their work to implement the agreed plan of action, so as to present the results to the Council for a final decision during the 223rd Session; and
- e) took note that the proposed Committee on Governance would have responsibility for determining policy advice, including in relation to human resources, and in this connection recalled its decision taken during the first meeting of the current session on educational requirements related to D-1 or D-2 posts (C-DEC 222/1 refers), and agreed that this decision would remain valid for further recruitment processes for D-1 and D-2 posts until the new Committee on Governance and the reconstituted HRC were established.

Environmental protection – Recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15161, which reported on recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations (UN) bodies and international organizations in the field of aviation and the environment.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the views expressed by Representatives in the course of the consideration of this item, and in this connection, reaffirmed the importance of an open and inclusive global dialogue among Member States in progressing work under the auspices of ICAO regarding the feasibility of a long-term aspirational goal (LTAG) for international aviation;
- b) noted that the ICAO LTAG Global Aviation Dialogues (LTAG GLADs) were scheduled to occur in a series of virtual events held across the ICAO regions from 10 to 14 May 2021, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to encourage broad participation of Member States in the meetings; and
- c) noted that the 26th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) had been rescheduled to now occur in November 2021, and in this connection, further noted that the Secretariat would present for the Council's consideration during the 223rd Session, a working paper outlining the outreach activities planned by ICAO for COP26, as well as an informal briefing being scheduled in this regard.

Any other business

Additional meetings of the 222nd Session

7. Given the large number of items that remained outstanding for consideration, the Council agreed that it would be necessary to schedule two additional meetings in the current session, with the Eleventh Meeting to occur on Monday, 15 March 2021 at 1430 hours and the Twelfth Meeting to occur on Wednesday, 17 March 2021 at 1430 hours.

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